

## There Was an Old Man with a Beard - Teaching Notes

### Before Listening?Reading

Ask children to look at the picture

**Prompts:**

- *What can you see? A man with a **beard**.*
- *What's strange about the beard? Yes, it is very big!*
- *Have you ever seen a beard that big? No, I haven't either.*
- *And what is in the beard? Yes, there are birds.*
- *(Extension: Do you know what type of birds? Yes, there are two owls!*

### **Listening**

Now listen to the poem [here](#)



### **Structure/Rhyme Scheme: Five lines: AABBA**

There was an Old Man with a **beard**, (a)

Who said, 'It is just as I feared! (a)

Two Owls and a Hen, (b)

Four Larks and a Wren, (b)

Have all built their nests in my beard! (a)



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